



Illinois Agricultural Prices

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The April Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 104, increased 2.0 percent from March. The Crop Production Index, at 89, increased 3.5 percent. At 116, the Livestock Production Index decreased 0.9 percent. Producers received higher prices for broilers, cattle, onions, and hay but lower prices for market eggs, hogs, corn, and oranges. In addition to prices, the indexes are impacted by the five-year average monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of strawberries, milk, broilers, and oranges offset the decreased marketing of corn, cattle, soybeans, and hay.

Prices Received Indexes – United States: April 2015 with Comparisons

Index	2011 Base		
	Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015
Agricultural Production	115	102	104
Crop Production	99	86	89
Grains and oilseed	92	72	71
Feed grain	79	64	63
Food grain	99	82	81
Oilseed	113	79	78
Livestock Production	131	117	116
Meat animal	131	127	127
Dairy	126	83	82
Poultry and egg	139	133	129

Prices Paid Indexes – United States: April 2015 with Comparisons

Index	2011 Base		
	Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015
Prices paid	112	110	110
Production	114	111	111
Interest ¹	96	97	97
Taxes ²	105	107	107
Wage rates	107	112	110
Family living-CPI ³	105	105	105
Ratio (received/paid)	103	93	95

¹ Interest per acre on farm real estate debt and interest rate on farm non-real estate debt.

² Farm real estate taxes payable per acre.

³ Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), for the previous month converted by the USDA.

Prices Received for Crops and Livestock – Illinois and United States: April 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	Illinois		
	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015
Corn\$/bushel	4.84	3.80	3.72
Hay, all \$/ton	176.00	158.00	140.00
Alfalfa \$/ton	190.00	170.00	165.00
Other \$/ton	125.00	110.00	100.00
Oats\$/bushel	(S)	(S)	(D)
Sorghum\$/cwt	9.22	(D)	7.10
Soybeans\$/bushel	14.20	10.10	9.91
Wheat, all\$/bushel	6.49	4.45	4.31
Milk, all\$/cwt	26.00	17.50	17.30
Commodity	United States		
	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015
Corn\$/bushel	4.71	3.81	3.75
Hay, all \$/ton	188.00	160.00	173.00
Alfalfa \$/ton	207.00	172.00	184.00
Other \$/ton	156.00	136.00	142.00
Oats\$/bushel	3.96	2.91	2.81
Sorghum\$/cwt	8.55	8.00	7.90
Soybeans\$/bushel	14.30	9.84	9.70
Wheat, all\$/bushel	6.82	5.70	5.56
Milk, all\$/cwt	25.30	16.60	16.50
Calves\$/cwt	222.00	290.00	288.00
Cattle, all beef\$/cwt	148.00	160.00	162.00
Cows\$/cwt	103.00	114.00	113.00
Steers and heifers\$/cwt	150.00	162.00	164.00
Hogs, all\$/cwt	88.80	50.30	49.00

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

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